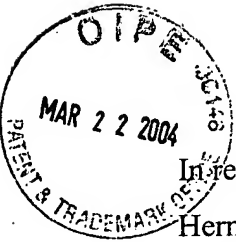


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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 1, 2004, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-16, drawn to the process.

The Restriction Requirement is not traversed.

Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant has listed the references cited both in the International Search Report and in the Austrian Office Action. Presumably, those in the International Search Report should be of record in the U.S. Application without Applicant having to submit copies.

The International Search Report has two sections, each two pages in length for a total of four pages and the Austrian Patent Office Action has two pages. It is believed that these would not be cited as prior art of record in the present application. But they are submitted for the Examiner's information as to prior art cited.

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